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TO

Amend the Labourers (Ireland) Acts.

A.D. 1902.

B it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 5 1. Where in any county in Ireland there has been accumulated to the credit of such county out of the annual
 10 *thousand pounds*, it shall be lawful for the Local Government Board to nominate *three* persons in any or each rural district in
 15 such county to act with the rural sanitary authority for the purposes of putting into force the Labourers (Ireland) Act. Such persons shall hold office until the term of office of the rural
 20 sanitary authority with which they may be associated shall expire. They shall be called associate members, and for the purposes of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts shall have and exercise all the powers of the elected members of the rural sanitary authority. The Local Government Board may from time to time remove and reappoint
 25 any associate member, and may fill any vacancy caused by the resignation, incapacity, or death of any associate member by the appointment of another associate member in his place.

Associate members not exceeding three to be added to sanitary authority in certain counties for purposes of the Acts.

Such associate members shall be either rated for the relief of the poor within the rural district or shall be agricultural labourers as defined by this Act.

2. Section three of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1891, is hereby repealed.

Repeal
54 & 55 Vict.
c. 71. s. 3.

3. A representation under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1902, shall mean a representation signed by not less than six
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Representa-
tion to be
signed by
six persons.

A.D. 1902. persons, whether rated for the relief of the poor within the sanitary district or not, provided that the said persons, if not so rated, come within the definition of agricultural labourer as defined by this Act.

Protection from eviction of labourer named in representation until scheme executed or abandoned.

4. Where a representation has been received by the sanitary authority which sets forth particulars of the name and residence of any agricultural labourer as an instance of any of the grounds for such representation, no order or decree for possession of the premises in which such agricultural labourer may reside shall be executed until the sanitary authority shall have determined to bring forward an improvement scheme, or shall have declined to act upon such representation in respect of such agricultural labourer. Provided always that if the sanitary authority shall not come to any determination upon such representation within *three months* from the date of its receipt such order or decree may be executed thereafter with the consent of the Local Government Board.

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Vict. c. 60.
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Where the improvement scheme avoids all interference with the demesne and amenity of residence of the owner of the lands proposed to be taken or with any home farm or lands immediately adjoining, and customarily occupied with such residence, no order for possession of the premises of any agricultural labourer whose name and residence is set forth in the representation on which such scheme proceeds shall be executed until such improvement scheme, so far as it affects such agricultural labourer, has been carried out or abandoned. Provided always that no agricultural labourer shall be entitled to the benefit of this section unless he shall continue to pay the rent accruing in respect of his occupation after the rate in force at the date of such representation.

Definition of labourer for purposes of Act.

5. For the purposes of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1902, the expression "agricultural labourer" shall mean any member of the labouring population other than a farmer, domestic servant or servant living in the same house as his employer resident in a rural district, who during *twelve months* prior to the signing by him of a representation under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts shall have worked for hire in the rural district for not less than *six weeks*.

Agricultural labourers resident in villages or towns for whom the sanitary authority propose to purchase or take on lease tracts of land to be parcelled out in allotments under the provisions of section sixteen of the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1885, may be resident outside the rural district where such town is an urban district.

All definitions of agricultural labourer contained in the Labourers (Ireland) Acts are hereby repealed.

6. This Act may be cited as the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1902.

7. This Act shall be construed as one with the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896, and together with the said Acts may be cited as the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1902.

Construction.

Any words or expressions in this Act which are not defined herein and which are defined in the said Acts, shall unless there is something in the context of this Act repugnant thereto have the same meaning as in the said Acts.

8. This Act shall apply to Ireland only.

Extent of Act.

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